

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

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The present invention relates to a screen for holding refuse sacks (7) open. The screen (1) is shorter than the refuse sack (7) such that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be folded into the screen (1). The screen (1) is designed to stretch the refuse sack (7). A locking device (11) is provided to lock the open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) and the screen (1) to each other.